

a ring-shaped trick mirror disposed at one end of the straight slab;

an output mirror disposed at the center of the one end of the straight slab to pass part of the light and to reflect a part of the remaining light; and

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a w-axicon mirror disposed at the other end of the straight slab, characterized in that the relationship between the center offset X_m and the center position X_0 of the trick mirror is set to $X_0 < X_m \leq 1.1 X_0$.

2. (Amended) A cylindrical straight slab type gas laser of claim 1, wherein the output laser beam from the output mirror has a substantially Gaussian distribution when it is focused by the lens.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 are pending in this application and are amended herein.

The drawings are objected to as allegedly containing informalities related to boxes not being labeled as required by 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicant respectfully believes the drawings are in compliance with all rules. The rule that the Examiner refers to seems unrelated to the drawings in this application and applicant respectfully believes that the rule does not apply here. Also, rule 37 CFR 1.123 referred to by the Examiner is a reserved section of the patent office rules, and is not a rule that is currently in effect. It is a blank rule number that is